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NEW YORK POTATO ACREAGE INCREASES

New York potato growers planted an estimated 16,500 acres of potatoes this year according to King Whetstone, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. This is up 2 percent from 2010. Acres for harvest are forecast at 16,100, up 1 percent from last year.

U.S area planted to fall potatoes in 2011 is estimated at 948,600 acres, up 6 percent from the 2010 crop year. Harvested area is forecast at 936,100 acres, also up 6 percent from 2010.

In Idaho, growers increased acreage from last year driven by strong prices. In California, adequate water supplies led to increased potato acreage in the Klamath Basin. In Colorado producers continued to voluntarily limit acreage for water conservation.

Less than optimal planting and growing conditions delayed the fall potato crop in Maine where potato development was 1-2 weeks behind schedule as of June 19. Heavy rains in mid-June reportedly led to drown outs in some low lying areas.

In North Dakota, cold, wet weather caused delays in planting. In Oregon, crop development was reportedly behind due to cold, wet spring conditions. The information in this release is available by free email subscription by subscribing to New York reports at www.nass.usda.gov/ny.

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